

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Cain at the interview held May 4, 2005, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13, 15-19, 21, 23-25, 28-36, 38-47 and 49-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over GB '092 in view of GB '388 and Reichert et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,710,404). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, none of the applied references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest a powder coating composition that comprises a stabilizing additive that is added via homogenization, as recited in independent claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-52 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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